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## BOOK REVIEWS



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**SANATORIA FOR THE PEOPLE**, or a State Campaign Against Consumption. By Charles H. Garland, Chairman, The National Sanatorium, Benenden, Kent, and Thomas D. Lister, M.D., Hon. Consulting Physician to the Benenden Sanatorium. Price, 1 shilling. Publishers, The London Scientific Press, 28 and 29 Southampton St., Strand.

Not so long ago tuberculosis was considered incurable in the English climate, and if the sufferer were a person of means he or she was sent to some continental resort for treatment, while if poor, the battle was fought to the end at home. That is all changed now; dispensary, hospital, sanatorium, and infirmary are found in all parts of England, and moreover the Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced his intention of devoting £1,500,000 to the purpose of erecting sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis, these institutions to be maintained in part at least by a provision furnished under the new National Insurance Bill. The authors of this little book, who have long been known in their own country as active in the very work which the National Insurance Bill proposes to undertake, offer their own experience of the study of consumption as an industrial disease, and at the same time elucidate the sanatorium, what it is, and they demonstrate it to be a training school of health, what its relation is to dispensary and infirmary—and in this connection there is to be observed that England is in the same predicament as America as to the disposal of advanced cases. Sanatoria for the cases in the early stages where practically every case is amenable to treatment there are on every hand, but the advanced and hopeless are not welcomed.

The book strongly advocates sanatorium care and teaching for the consumptive, and gives a vast amount of figures to prove the advantage of state maintenance of the sanatorium, taking the stand that the state can afford any waste rather than the waste of life, especially the wage earner's life.